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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Patients in Illinois hospitals require a
3 year-round supply of donated blood; and

4 WHEREAS, There are no substitutes or replacements for
5 blood; and

6 WHEREAS, Each year, the Illinois Coalition of Community
7 Blood Centers collects more than 570,000 blood donations to
8 care for patients in 175 hospitals throughout 71 Illinois
9 counties; and

10 WHEREAS, The Coalition's nearly 1,500 blood collection
11 professionals in Illinois are integral to the donation process
12 and serve as the stewards of the State's blood supply; and

13 WHEREAS, The professionalism exuded by these dedicated
14 individuals helps to ensure repeat donations, which is central
15 to maintain an adequate blood supply; and

16 WHEREAS, Blood collection professionals provide a critical
17 service to the communities and patients they support by helping
18 to improve and save lives on a daily basis; and

19 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois recognizes the importance of

1 blood donation through the Blood Donation Act, the Employee
2 Blood Donation Leave Act, and the Organ Donor Act; therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
6 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the week of
7 September 13-19, 2009 as "Blood Collectors Week" in the State
8 of Illinois; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we encourage the citizens of Illinois to
10 join in the life-saving work of blood collection organizations
11 by donating blood in their communities.